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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group III, Claims 12-16, drawn to an additive, for continued prosecution herein. In addition, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the above-captioned application.

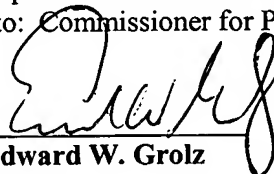
Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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